

**Status of Claims**

Claims 1-10 are rejected.

Claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10 are pending and currently amended herein.

Claims 6 and 9 are withdrawn.

Please note the Claims as presently amended and listed on pages 3 through 5 herein.

## AMENDMENT A

### IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method to delegate access and authorization control by a grantor to a grantee within [[an Information Technology System]] a computer network, the method

comprising:

- a) ~~a creation of an electronic proxy document, or proxy, the proxy~~ a grantor credential, the grantor credential identifying the grantor to a resource repository, identifying the grantee, and specifying indicating to the resource repository the scope of grant access to at least one resource of the resource repository permitted to the grantor;
- b) ~~an issuance of submittal by the grantee of a request for a grantee credential, the grantee credential comprising the grantor credential and identifying to the resource repository the grantor, a grantee, and a grantee scope of access to [[a]] the resource repository, where the request for grantee scope of access is limited to no more than the scope of access indicated by grantor credential [[authorized by the proxy]]; and~~
- c) transmission of the grantee credential to the grantee via the computer network, whereby the grantee credential enables the grantee to request a validation by the resource repository of [[the]] a request for access to the at least one resource issued by the grantee, the request limited to access as authorized within the grantee credential by the grantor proxy; and without further mediation by the grantor
- d) ~~permitting access as requested by the request for access.~~

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~method~~ grantee credential further comprises an electronic signature of ~~[[the proxy by]]~~ the grantor.
3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~[[method further comprises]]~~ grantee credential is comprised within an XML document~~[[s]]~~.
4. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the ~~[[method further comprises]]~~ the electronic signature comprises public key cryptography.
5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises transmitting the grantee credential to the resource repository in at least one electronic data interchange message~~[[s]]~~.
6. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises formatted digital messages.
7. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The method ~~[[according to]]~~ of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises a validation of the ~~[[proxy authorization of the request for access]]~~ grantee credential by the resource repository by means of a cryptographic authentication technique.
8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises a provision of the ~~[[proxy]]~~ grantee credential to the resource repository by means of the computer network.

9. (withdrawn) The method of claim 8, wherein the method further comprises the provision of the proxy to the resource repository via a proxy registry.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises a revocation of a ~~previously issued scope of grant by the proxy~~ the grantee credential by the grantor.